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The Revolutionary Fathers and the Men of '61 Fought in Vain unless Mob Violence is suppressed Veterans Cheer Him on Decora-Day,

Mr. Harris said:

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its heroes, statesmen and philosophers the commonwealths of the republic. of men.

South. In the beginning it was re- tion affecting the public weal or woe. sorted to in most cases to wreak vencrimes.

be checked, where will it end?

Nearly all the victims of mob vio- upon the rights of his fellow-men. lence are black men.

here manacled in slave ships. That fense and deemed it a glorious privihe was kept in slavery and in ignor- lege to offer up your lives upon its ance until Abraham Lincoln set him altar, drew your swords in vain.

That for weal or woe, he is here, and here he will remain, and that he

That its violation will bring cer- California.

ernment by law." Behold the stars that lesson than by rigidly doing that Stewart and Mr. Shaw, recently of moving in majestic procession across which we require of him? These Natchez, Miss., and Mr. L. L. Stewart,

Law must be supreme. Those na. the negroes a feeling of mistrust and ant time was had all around. tions who have made their own laws a desire for revenge that some day Henderson runs a millinery establishand obeyed them are the nations that will bring sorrow and ruin and blood- ment in Natchez, and is prominent in have achieved greatness, and, my shed to both races unless moved by the business and social circles of that countrymen, loving this republic as a wise patriotism and an earnest de-I do, because it has given me oppor- sire to do justice, we can find some mother or father. Her grandmother, tunity for the fullest achievement and means of staying the progress of this who died a few years ago, after living because its flag protects my wife and race hatred that threatens the peace my children, venerating it because of and well-being of society in many of

and its splendid history, I solemnly In these latter days has come a say to you that the first duty of a mighty struggle between labor and citizen, a duty that should never be capital. A struggle that has brought forgotten, is to obey its laws and to poverty and distress and suffering to sternly condemn those who violate tens of thousands of our fellow-citithem. Appalling and atrocious crimes zens-that has caused bloodshed and may be committed. It is then that bitterness and hate where harmonious reason should dominate the councils relations should exist. Shallow, selfish, unreflecting demagogues confuse Mob violence-anarchy has in re- the public mind by "words without cent times disgraced many communi- wisdom" and appeals to passion on as they claim that the Council is a race ties, both in the North and in the this, as upon every other great ques-

geance upon the perpetrators of an because it is the essence of all that cil belongs to them and not to the race, unnamable and fearful offense against has been achieved by the fathers, and the race's responsibility ceases, and the laws of God and man, but during that is a man is born free in Amer- The Liberator's fight is off. This Counthe past year nearly three-fourths of ica, and as long as he is protected by the lynchings have been for other the stars and stripes he shall remain for it without going into their own free-free to think, act and express pockets. This they never do.

Unless this spirit of anarchy can himself as he sees fit, so long as he violates no law and does not encroach

This is fundamental, and unless it I say to you that white men should can be maintained the Revolutionary says Hon. Will A. Harris, Old never forget that the negro is an in- fathers, and you, the men of 1861, voluntary inhabintant of this country. Who, when your country was threaten-That his ancestors were brought ed fearlessly faced death in its de-

THE MISSISSIPPI COLONY.

The Mississippi Colony here is receiving many valuable acquisitions It should be remembered, too, that from that peonage ridden state. The in the wilderness. They profoundly ours is the dominant race. That we newcomers are representatives of the understood that "to be free is to live have from the beginning made the best class, are men and women of under a government by law." And, my laws, that we make them now, and means. In business they have been micountrymen, every page of history en- their enforcement is in our hands. nently successful in Mississippi, and These things being true, it is our they would have been pleased to have of the world's greatest judges. Every solemn duty, not alone for his good, remained there, but conditions have day since God with plastic hand mold- but for our own, to teach him that grown intolerable for self-respecting ed the sun and stars and set them there must be obedience to the law. negroes. They are well pleased with

> Mr. Eugene Stricklin, wife and And how can we better teach him niece, Mrs. E. Henderson, Miss Nina wife and daughter of this city, spent They are planting in the minds of the Fourth at the Edmunds villa. was a Mississippi reunion, and a pleascity. Mrs. Henderson is a self-made woman, having been reared without more than a century, belonged to Gen. George Washington's family and met many of the statesmen of Gen. Washington's time, including Gen. Lafay-

> In calling attention to the inconsistency and general unworthiness of the Afro-American Council, so called, we want it understood that personally we have no ill feelings towards the gentlemen whose names appear in connection with what has been said. We criticize their official acts only. As long organization their acts as officers are the property of the race. Just as soon as they throw off their cloak and give One thing must be borne in mind, the public to understand that the Councould not raise money enough to pay

The Afro-American Leg Pullers At- make a raid on the city treasury came Two Members of the Cosmopoli-Desperate.

called, was a flank movement on the is past the understanding of his part of the old six-bits grafters to riends. Who ordered the circulation relentless war upon the gang and its their patience once more to entertain and even from San Francisco. disgraceful methods not only made its that time-killing, graft-seeking gang, of looking an honest day's labor in Of course, including those who are at- quite a little that way. We have many horror. It was either to get up some more, from time to time, but the brain passed the plate for collection, Mac new scheme to beat the public in the and brawn—the business and profes- put in a \$5 gold piece. He did not name of the Negroes or return to the sional men who are conducting and notice it until he got home, and he was shovel and the hoe.

the tail. Mr. Alexander was called intelligence to ask the white people for a large amount of machinery. into the scheme to make the league for money to entertain the Afro-Ameri- Send me a Liberator when you can, of the race's good name.

ATTEMPT TO RAID THE CITY TREASURY.

tomed to the schemes of these profes- ought to openly denounce this outrage. in the South. In Georgia recently nine sional "leg pullers" to beat the public Have they the backbone? How long men were stood against a fence and that no device was thought too wicked are these grafters to continue beating is difficult to conceive how this Chrisfor them to adopt to win bread with- the public in the name of the Afrotian nation can tolerate such depravity. out work, but the bold attempt to Americans?

as a surprise and shocked the whole tempted to Raid the City Tues- black population. How that gang got day. The Old Gang getting Mr. Alexander to sign a petition asking the city council or any other white person for money to entertain the so-The election of Mr. Alexander as called Afro-American Congress, which city treasury, and this too in the name soon. of the Afro-Americans.

The colored business men, lawyers, The people have become so accus- doctors and preachers, as leaders,

tan Club Strike it Rich in Goldfields.

Goldfields, June 20, 1905, Mr. Edmunds:

Dear Sir: It gives me great pleaspresident of the American Council, so- is to kill time at Pasadena next month, ure to write you a few lines to let you know how Mac and I are getting on. This is the greatest country we were on the unsuspecting public. We of that petition? For what purpose ing almost crazy—some are doing well warned Mr. Alexander of it at the was the money to be used? There will and every one is making a living. Mac time, but it seems that he could not be only ten or fifteen persons at the and I are printing a paper and we free himself from the serpentine so-called congress and the good citi- seem to be getting there in fine shape make up the gang. The Liberator's zens of Pasadena have agreed to tax We are taking ads. from Los Angeles

Water is very scarce here. It costs occupation profitless but brought the in the vain hope that it may yet be re- \$5 for enough to take a bath, but most gang face to face with the alternative claimed for some useful occupation. of us do not take baths, and we save the face or going hungry-in either tracted by curiosity and those in saloons and one church. Mac went to case to the push a thing of untold search of a free lunch may give them church last Sunday and when they supporting race enterprises-will not greatly worried over it. However, he It was here the happy thought of be delegates. What was that money consoled himself by saying it was for electing Alexander president and get for? is a question self-respecting Afro- a good cause. He said "it was for a new lease on life broke upon their American want answered since it was heaven, to h- with it." Mac has not work-dodging visions. As soon as the asked for in heir names. They did not touched a drop since coming up here. scheme was carried out one of the ask for it. In this city and Pasadeha He took up some good claims, and has grafters had the brazen effrontery to there are at least 6,000 Afro-Ameri- saved a Jout \$5000. He is going back state to the reporter of one of the cans, owning over a million dollars' to Los Angeles soon to get a large daily papers that "he as state lec- worth of real and personal property. cylinder press and more type and a turer would have charge of every- If the so-called Afro-American Council big stock of paper. We have taken thing, as Alexander was an elevator is a race organization guarding the up a number of claims here, and yesterman and could not leave his job," thus welfare of the said 6,0000 Afro-Ameriday I sold one to a Los Angeles comtrying to minify the head and magnify cans, is it not a reflection upon their pany for \$14,500, and they are sending

the private property of Prince Neimore can Congress? The truth of the mat- for I always liked to read it. I will & Co. by cutting down the representer is, as we have said time and time send you a copy each week of our patation so as to perpetuate their graft. again, that the league does not repre- per. I do most of the writing. Mac We believed all along and believe yet sent the thoughtful, intelligent, enter- writes the editorials and superintends that Alexander is the innocent victim prising, progressive members of the the paper. The miners take a great of seekers after ill-gotten gains on one race, or they would be delegates to the interest in the paper, and some of hand and seekers after cheap notoriety congress and would defray their own them take and pay for as many as a on the other, and all at the expense expenses. This the gang knows and dozen to send East. Of course, we dare not go to them for money; hence give them a little write-up, and they the barefaced attempt to hold up the are much pleased. Will write again

> Mob violence has broken out again Where will it end?

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AFRO-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

James M. Alexander, president of the Afro-American Congress for California, has issued the call for this annual gathering. It will be held in ators. Pasadena August 7. An interesting tation of facts and statistics showing ones. advancement by members of the Negro race, the numbers engaged in commercial enterprises in this state, crafts.-The Times.

existence in law or fact. It has no war charter so far as we can learn. The of graft and graft only. This so-called the wholesale murder of American citislatery to freedom lead.

scheme or proposition to advance the lest some law breaker be offended. Of moral and material interest of the course, the victims of the mob are race. It has not indorsed by word, black; that makes all the differense. deed or resolution a single race enter- It is useless to condemn minor offenses prise. It has fathered no scheme to so long as murder is winked at or conaid members of race in securing homes doned. Those ministers of the gospel and employment, although something who have nothing to say against and of the kind is urgently needed to re- infractions of the golden rule, because lieve colored immigrants who have the victims are members of a certain been coming here in great numbers race or color, can not hope to wield for the past two years. The officers influence against crime of any kind. of this Council patronize no race en- That's why murder, intemperance, diterprises and can not show receipt or other evidence for any money paid colored business men for goods purchased in the past 12 months. They read no race papers unless they get them free. They slip around now among business people gathering statistics of what has been done that they may filch the credit from the rightful owners. Because colored business men are succeeding wiethout their patronage or encouragement they hope to get a little cheap notoriety by holding up the achievements of others and ex- necks have been under the heel of opand for no other purpose than to open up. new avenues for grafting. No, this Council has no existence in law, has oppression for liberty. no membership, no charter, no object but graft, and no man with future aspirations will jeopardize his chances by allowing himself to be elected to an his mighty empire. White men speak office in this so-called Afro-American for liberty on the streets of his cities Council, which really means, measured by its tactics, Afro-American conspir-

It is regarded by intelligent Afrofeature of the congress will be presen- Americans as the receptacle for dead

Elsewhere in these columns we pubin new commercial lines. There will delivered at the Soldiers' Home on be an industrial department, in charge Dcoration Day by Hon. Will A. Harof William Prince, in which Negroes ris. His plea for the supremacy of the will exhibit their skill in the arts and law was timely and pointed and was enthusiastically cneered by the im-To the uninitiated the above has mense audience that heard it. He said the appearance of business, but the so- in substance that unless mob violence called Afro-American Council has no is suppressed it will bring on another

On that same day and since, many only charter held by a race organiza- prominent men addressed the Amerition is held by the American League. can people on the evils that beset the This Afro-American Council, so-called, country, graft being most soundly is composed of its officers and a few threshed, but not one of these minisis composed of its officers and a rew threshed, but not one of these ministrations any life that stands in its way. "War cohorts held together for the purpose ters of God uttered a word against is hell," but through it all paths from

Afro-American Council has fathered no zens by mobs, but pharisaically dodged vorce, licentiousness and graft ramify That's why every stratum of society. Sabbath desecration is so prevalent. That's why the theater and Sunday excursion can get more attendants than the churches.

THE WHITE MAN'S BATTLE.

"Russia is fighting the white man's was the cry of every hattle" Russian newspaper only a short time ago, but a wonderful change in the tone of those journals are noted of They now intimate that Japan late. is fighting the white man's battle, for already millions of white men whose claiming, "See what we have done," pression for centuries are being lifted The light from the bursting shells at Fort Arthur and Mukden lighted up pathways through the long night of

The deafening crash of the artillery has cracked the walls enclosing the Czar's palace and enabled him to hear the cry of the oppressed people of who but a few weeks ago were afraid to think of it less they be sent in chains to die in the coal mines of Siberia. The struggle between liberty and slavery is now on in Russia and though it takes years and rivers of blood liberty is going to win. Truly, the Japanese are fighting not only the white man's but humanity's battle. Russia has fought and lost the oppressor's battle. She has fought and lost the battle of those who believe and reports on the success of Negroes lish an excerpt from the able speech it the divine right of the strong to rob and oppress the weak under whatever pretext that will best suit the occasion. Surely God has chosen the righteous heathen to liberate his people—the oppressed—from the merciless thralldom of the unrighteous Christian. The days of those who use the Christian religion as a cloak to do violence to rights of the weak are numbered. The inauguration of the war bered. in the East was one of the events in the 1904 which has moved along.

The opportunity of the Russian people to secure their liberty has come. There is no sacrifice too great to make for liberty. It is a crime to spare

LEST WE FORGET.

Negro drew a revolver and killed him, woman been raped by a Negro; in as he richly deserved. He was arrest- neither case the Negroes offered pro- to find men who are honest in the ed and turned to a mob, which tor- tection to the criminal. The outrages strict interpretation of the word. tured him to death. Not satisfied, the at Joplin and Evansville have been Within the past few months we have mob went to the Negro section, set it perpetrated upon the Negroes at many seen financiers to whom the people on fire and at the point of shotguns other cities and can be perpetrated in had unhesitatingly entrusted their out regard to age, sex or condition and and sentiment that formed those mobs forced them to spend that winter night is present everywhere. So successful dishonesty in high places. They have in a Missouri forest, with no other have been the propagators of mob vio- come to look upon it as a matter of protection from cold than that given lence that the life of the Negro is uncourse, and the phrase 'tainted money' by the frosty sky. The next day that safe wherever floats the stars and has become a byword and a jest. We prosperous section, representing the stripes. struggles and sacrifices of many years, was a sea of smoky cinders and its inhabitants of a few hours before, although known to be guilty of no crime, without food or shelter were hiding or fleeing to other parts like so many evening, in the Scotch Presbyterian escaped convicts. Heartbroken over Church, Rev. David G. Wylie said: treatment and losses many of them never returned and sought refuge else- in America. To use an offensive term, them as they deserve. where to struggle for another home. 'graft' seems everywhere. This craze The Negroes of Joplin knew nothing for wealth leads to cheating, stealing, this is gradually becoming a pagan naof the killing till after it was done. lying and many immoral features in tion. These evils are permitted to ex-The Negro who did the killing was a business life. stranger, havng just arrived in the manner stated above, his coming hav- nished their names by the manner in ing been telegraphed ahead by the which they have dealt with the trust men. They should insist upon honest railroad people. The burning of the funds of a great institution. Men, well men and honest measures, and vote Negro section was to them a total loss, known, respected, high in commercial for them without regard to partisan as the insurance companies refused to and social station, have taken fire into bias." pay premiums. Had those homes been their hands, and it has burned them scattered among the white residences to the quick. We have had an exhibi- danger that is threatening the nation's not one of them would have been tion of 'high finance' pushed to the life. The present disregard for law

the policeman. The murderer and sev-Under the caption of "No Coloniza- jail. A mob, with the support of most wrongfully other peoples' money would tion" in our June number we pointed of the officers, formed to lynch them-do much to restore confidence in the out some of the dangers to which the guilty and innocent. The cry "lynch majesty of law; for law ought to deal Negroes expose themselves by segre- the Negroes, burn up the Negro sec- in the same manner with rich and gation. Have the Negroes forgotten tion" was raised. Nothing saved the poor. the mob outrages at Joplin, Mo., and Negroes and their section from de-Evansville, Ind.? In the cities men-struction but their prompt actions in sensational, I affirm from this Christioned the Negroes own many fine turning it into a fort and giving the tian pulpit that the President of the residences and up-to-date business mob to understand that they would United States, in his dealing with houses and pay thousands in taxes die with their rifles smoking in de- grasping corporations, and ex-Presifor the suport of the state and city fense of their homes and families. The dent Cleveland, Paul Morton, State governments, which give them no pro- authorities offered them no protection Superintendent of Insurance Hentection whatever against the depreda- whatever. The troops were called dricks, Atty.-Gen. Mayer and Dist.tions of lawless white cutthroats. out and many of the mob shot down Atty. Jerome have the opportunity of Take the Joplin case: The police de- only when its members commenced their lives to serve hundreds of thoupartment was called upon to arest a looting stores of white merchants. If sands of their fellow-citizens by rightlot of tramps who were stealing a ride that mob had visited the Negro sec- ing a great wrong." in a freight car, among whom was a tion scores of them would have bit-Negro. The brutal officer proceeded ten the dust, which would have re- Holy Name Society at the Church of to beat the Negro with his club for sulted in the extermination of the the Nativity, in Brooklyn, Rev. J. J. riding in a car with white men. The Negroes. In neither case had a white Donlon said: and clubs drove out the Negroes with- any city in this country. The element money exposed as knaves.

'Tis a pity 'tis true.

OUR NATIONAL SIN.

"Here in New York, men have tar- their full civic duty.

"The trial and conviction of guilty eral innocent negroes were lodged in men who have not scrupled to use

"Even at the risk of being called

On the same evening, addressing the

"In the business world it is difficult

"People are no longer surprised at are accustomed to breaches of trust on the part of officeholders and financiers, but when we see these men show a disposition even to use judges of the Supreme Court to further their Preaching in New York on Sunday selfish ends it is time to call a halt.

"We see, too, judges hemming and hawing over the cases of these power-"Greed for gold is almost universal ful wrongdoers, instead of treating

"Although we may not realize it, ist because most men do not perform

"Citizens should not be strict party

The people are awakening to the limit. We need to imitate the munici- and the rapid spread of crime is the In Evansville, Ind., a brutal Negro pal authorities of Glasgow in the bank legitimate result of our present natough killed a brutal white policeman scandal, where directors of high stand-tional policy. The country that puts in a pistol duel, which was opened by ing were sent behind prison bars. commercialism above manhood rights



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L. Holden sets up the golden calf. The toleration of lawlessness in any form by the government under any pretext simply puts a premium upon crime and reaps the harvest. For this country has winked at nullification, mob murders and perjury because the victims were only Negroes, unmindful of the fact that crime is contagious and that a judge that perjers himself to liberate criminals because their crimes were committed against the lives or rights of Negroes will commit the same offense against other citizens when the consideration offered is deemed sufficient. The government is tolerating today the crime of the century by taxing nine millions of people without representation in violation of its constitution and of the principle upon which it was founded. The Negroes are being humiliated and handicapped by class legislation from one end of the country to the other and this with the connivance of the federal government. A country that tolerates class legislation, nullification, color line and jim cars should not expect to produce anything but lawbreakers and grafters. You can not expect a harvest of patriotism unless you plant the seed.

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Last year the six-bits push roped a small crowd of idlers into the congress by promising an office to each, hinting that an office in the league would open to the holder many opportunities for grafting in the city campaign which paign this year the supposition is that the attempt to break into the city I am prouder of it this afternoon 100,000 points.

treasury was to get money to defray than ever before. the expense to Pasadena of all who look upon excursions and free lunches as life's highest attainment. If the push had got the money it would certainly have had a full house.

DEATH OF MR. FOSTER JACOBS.

When, on the 18th, death claimed Mr. Foster Jacobs, a brilliant career was cut short. He held a position as clerk in the city assessor's office, where he was rated among the most efficient. He was a native of Natchez, Mississippi, and had been a resident of this city about two years. His ability and exemplary character was immediately recognized and put him in the line of promotion. In his death the race loses a worthy representative and the city assessor's office a valuable member of its worthy force.

No temptation, possible, could were it physically possible, could make me become a Jap, a Chinaman, an Englishman, or any one but an American negro. I am told by Mr. Jerome, the district attorney of your city, that the colored people here are a most reputable element. I am glad to see that this organization has the confidence, the sympathy, and the active support of the Christian ministry of the city."—To the New York colored Y. M. C. A., May 7th.

A COLORED BOY ENTERS THE CONTEST.

Jefferson Ammon, a member of our race, has entered the Times scholarship contest. He is every way worthy of the support of the race, which support should be loyal and spontaneous. Every colored family ought to subscribe for and read the daily Times. Those who are already subscribers should pay a year in advance, which gives 500 points. New subscribers one Booker Washington would be noth- year in advance 1000 points. If we put was to follow. As there is no cam- ing but an American negro: "I have our shoulders to the wheel as we always been proud of my race, and should and must, he will get 50,000 to

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